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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4141
INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY SANA
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NAIROBI FOR REDSO

E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOMALIA: RESUMPTION OF ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 115310; (B) STATE 114896

1. FOLLOWING BACKGROUND BRIEFING BASED ON REFTELS, WE
ASKED ARTHUR TURNER, HEAD, NORTHERN AND GENERAL AFRICA
DEPARTMENT. MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT (ODM),
WHETHER HE THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO HAVE BRITISH AND U.S.
TEAMS IN MOGADISCIO AT SAME TIME. HE SAID HIS INITIAL
REACTION IS THAT "IT PROBABLY DOESN'T MATTER ALL THAT
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MUCH." EVIDENTLY ODM TEAM TRAVELS ON "CONTINUAL AND
TIGHT SCHEDULE" AND IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS RATHER
THAN WEEKS TO REASSEMBLE TEAM IF MAY 24 VISIT POSTPONED.
HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT BRITISH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION,
NAIROBI, IS STILL WAITING GREEN LIGHT FROM SOMALIS, SOME-
THING HE HAS BEEN ASSURED IS ONLY A FORMALITY.

2. TURNER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FOREIGN OFFICE PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARY (MINISTER) TED ROWLANDS PLANS TO "DROP BY" MOGADISCIO ON HIS RETURN FROM UN CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN MAPUTU. BECAUSE OF THIS, FCO AND ODM WOULD PREFER THAT BRITISH MISSION NOT BE POSTPONED.

3. TURNER ADDED THAT ODM MISSION WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LOWER RANKING AND ITS BRIEF MUCH MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THAT OF U.S. SURVEY TEAM. THEY PLAN TO VISIT TWO OR THREE ALREADY IDENTIFIED PROJECTS AND JOBS OF WORK, AND THERE ARE NO PLANS TO HOLD WIDE-RANGING MEETINGS OF TYPE U.S. ANTICIPATES. TURNER ALSO FEELS THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN BOTH GROUPS HOLDING INFORMAL MEETING IN MOGADISCIO RATHER THAN LATER IN NAIROBI.

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